Birds, Islands, Tyrants

An audio round-up of April/May

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I'm not entirely sure where April went. I have checked down the back of the sofa. Hopefully if you have a quick root around yourself you'll find some Exciting Audios that have just been released or a copy of Vortex magazine that promises some upcoming fun. Dust off the crumbs and let's see what we have...

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The Merfolk Murders

My Whodunnit is out! I've had some lovely reactions about this one already. I'm glad there are a lot of fellow crime buffs out there.

Something I didn't mention in my previous write-up - it's very true to the specific geography of the St Andrews, particularly the castle and the nearby beach. If you don't know the area, I hope I describe it well enough in the story - but here's a picture below

to help you visualise. You'll see the remains of the gatehouse, the castle grounds, and the beach below where they have their picnic!

(I have nicked this from TripAdvisor.)

I get a little nervous about looking at reviews, but I must holler about one in particular, largely because I'm stunned it even exists - it's from my favourite crime blog! If I ever come across an unknown whodunnit in a charity shop and I think 'I wonder if the Puzzle Doctor has read this one', they a) invariably have b) provide me with a really astute write-up about it. I've discovered so many good books and had so many great recommendations via this website, so I'm honoured to have squeezed my way onto these bookshelves.

Looking ahead at the 5DAs - I'm excited for James Kettle's six-parter, that looks stellar! And you might have one last Fifth Doctor from me in the offing. Time will tell. Unless something bad happens to time, of course.

Morbius (Part 01)

I'm still half-pretending that this is a box-set coming out in June, but I gave a sneaky listen to a chapter or two... and I'm thrilled by what I've heard. The soundscape is on another level. The performances fit the tone so perfectly. I do think it's something special.

To all of you who have listened to it, or have bought it and are saving it to gobble up in one go, I just want to say thank you again for supporting the range and giving it a chance. I know I've talked a lot about these being writer-led productions - it means the world that you're willing to embrace new corners of and novel approaches to the Whoniverse. If you'd like to see more things like this, there are two ways to make sure that happens - buy the release, and/or tell Big Finish you're a fan of writers having a good time!

Perhaps I've timed this particular missive well, because I believe Part 02 pops out shortly. And then Part 03 comes out next month. And then that's it for my three-hour epics with Morbius.

Coming Soon

I have some fun things fluttering your way in the next few weeks...

I have an episode in the latest Eighth Doctor box-set ECHOES. You can glimpse the stunning artwork above by the gorgeous Sean Longmore. There's a spooky story by Lauren Mooney and Stew Pringle (my favourite people) and a Who debut from Dan Rebellato (a radio legend - his EXEMPLAR on BBC Sounds is witty and crime-y and one of those 'damn I wish I wrote that' shows, check it out).

I won't say much about my episode BIRDSONG except a) Jane Asher!! b) there's a scene where Liv and Helen sit around a fire and have a nice chat and I really enjoy these moments. I just like to have my TARDIS crews to sit down for a meal or change their outfits to match the time/place/genre or just have a lil breather. If I had my way there'd be no plots at all, just vibes.

And then of course we have the much-anticipated Nine & River set with STAR-CROSSED! I can't wait to hear Dorney and Hopley's episodes. I love that in mine that the Doctor and River [*redacted*]

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I really enjoyed the Merfolk Murders! Old-fashioned elegant whodunnit and everyone in the team got a proper subplot of their own. Thanks for sharing a picture, I love it when writers do that. I got enough from the script itself to understand what was going on, but it's nice to upgrade my blurry mental image to a higher definition.

Morbius and Star-crossed are next on my wish list! I wouldn't normally prioritise Morbius but I heard so much praise for it and such interesting things about the entire Dark Gallifrey ensemble that I'm sold. It made me want to listen out of interest for the craft of storytelling in this medium, rather than simply as a fan of particular characters. Looking forward to more of your work!

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